

Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Frederick "Fred" F. Guthrie Jr., of Platte City, Missouri, joined the Missouri State Water Patrol on January 2, 1994, and began his career as an Officer assigned to District 5; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Officer Guthrie transferred to the Water Patrol's District 6; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2008, a canine named Reed joined the Water Patrol and became Officer Guthrie's K-9 partner; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2011, Officer Fred Guthrie transitioned to a trooper for the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Water Patrol Division where he was assigned to Troop A; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2011, Trooper Guthrie, age 46, died in the line of duty while serving the citizens of Missouri while on flood duty in Holt County; and

WHEREAS, Fred Guthrie committed seventeen years of dedicated service to the Missouri State Water Patrol and the Missouri State Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for the brave individuals in the law enforcement profession who consider the welfare of others a personal responsibility and work hard to protect the lives and the property of their fellow citizens.

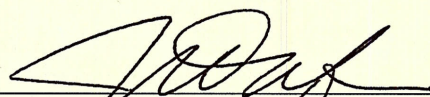
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

TROOPER FREDERICK "FRED" F. GUTHRIE JR.

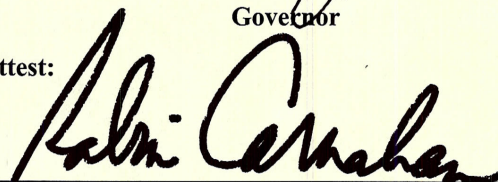
and for his bravery and service to the State of Missouri, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings statewide for one full day on December 14, 2011, from sunrise to sunset.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 12th day of December, 2011.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Robin Carnahan
Secretary of State